

present at these* meetings M. de Talleyrand was most disposed to retain Napoleon at the head of the Government, with restrictions on the exercise of his power. In the existing state of things it was only possible to choose one of three courses ; first, to make peace with Napoleon, with the adoption of proper securities against him; second, to establish a Regency ; and third, to recall the Bourbons.

On the 1, 'th of March I witnessed the entrance of the Allied sovereigns into Paris, and after the procession had passed the new street of the Luxembourg I repaired straight to M. de Talleyrand's hotel, which I reached before the Emperor Alexander, who arrived at a quarter past one. When his Imperial Majesty entered M. de Talleyrand's drawing-room most of the persons assembled, and particularly the Abbe de Pradt, the Abbe* de Montesquieu, and General Dessolles, urgently demanded the restoration of the Bourbons. The Emperor did not, come to any immediate, decision. Drawing me into the embrasure of a window, which looked upon the street, he made some observations which enabled me to guess what would be his determination. "M". de Bournenne/' &id he, "you have been the friend of Napoleon, and so have I. I was

his hottest. Bomft olcrkft collected under the direction of Dupont de Nemours, hint ami bi'Kt, of owmmiHtH, formed the HtáfE, and Roux-Laborio was the 8wTi*tary~<ttiiwrsU attached. M. den Talloyrand's room was open to every oim ho know, men and women, and the conversation of every one who came or went took the place of real deliberationH on State affairs. Homo mom or h»»w ohwr pfMHagAH to lwt puhliKhod iii the newspapera became the great work of the day, and thin was callml forming' public opinion. Then, if an idea, among tt-H' tliowi whlrh piwsotl in thá lioadn t>f th<^ comers and go^rn, Btruok tin* Primw do Talleyrand, he made a docsrro of it, and tlio mombers of the Ui>v<^rntmont Higncd it *>it trtw wluiti they c^amo in tlioir turn to pay u visit to thuir pri^iliint." Tjt<c ourHA of affairs Kavci Talleyrand 'H oonduct á much grmtflr air of dwislott than that wlltw on evonts had any right to. For hiw Ef<>rtt inilecision and timidity HOO *De VttrnlM*, tonio i. QBpoially whore Dal-w*rK» wh<» kninv him W4»ll, nays of him, "You do not know tho ai)0 ; ho would not ri<k burning th< iwd of his paw, not ovon if all tho ohoHtnuth w<ro for him Jtloii« * (p. <W), Htw alno p. IW7, whorw Talleyrand, when on tho point of hiwiding to I>< Vltrolh»n his l^ctw for tho CU>mtod'ArtoiH, hiui'B tho MarHhnl N<*y atil Miuid<>tiald, and th< Duke of Vlooxa ((aulainoourt), announc.od to this (>4ir. "Thii l'rlww do Talleyrand immediatoly put back into his <U><<l>tHt ixMtkot tho lotter intiMKlod for tho Oomto d' Artom, and taking mo by thit arm I<ul mo to tho cmbra<uro of a window. 'Tlii< in an incident/ Baid h<< to tins laying «trwit on th< word to show that it wan important; * wo must KII» what it wilfhmd to; you cannot start at this moment. Tho "Kmporor pttctdd things; ono cannot bo the son of Paul I. with